ANNUAL REPORT: 2021 Vision

LIKE ALL ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS AND BUSINESSES, PDRC CONTINUES TO STRUGGLE WITH THE ALREADY AND THE NOT YET – OF THE PANDEMIC BEING ALMOST OVER, BUT NOT QUITE.

2021 SAW US BACK TO NORMAL-ISH. IT IS A LIMINAL SPACE THAT HAS ITS BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES.

THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING BACK TOGETHER, OF BEING WITH OTHER HUMANS IN ACTUAL PHYSICAL SPACES, IS SOMETHING THAT IS LIFE-GIVING IN A WAY THAT ZOOM QUADRANTS NEVER WILL BE. COMING TOGETHER IS SOMETHING THAT HAS NEVER GOTTEN OLD BECAUSE IT COMES FROM A PART OF OURSELVES THAT IS OLDER THAN WE ARE – THE PART THAT HAS EVOLVED TO NEED OTHER PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY, THE PART THAT KEEPS US SEEKING CONNECTION.

AS OUR 2021 REPORT REVEALS, CONNECTION & COMMUNITY ARE WHAT PDRC OFFERS.

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PIEDMONT DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

PDRC works every day to build a more just and equitable world. Courts, schools and communities look to the Center for innovation, guidance and services. Mediation and restorative justice balance power dynamics and distribute decision making power to those it impacts most.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

PDRC served general district courts in Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Rappahannock, Prince William, Stafford and Spotsylvania, and juvenile courts in Caroline, Culpeper, Fauquier, Loudoun, Madison, Rappahannock, Prince William, Stafford and Spotsylvania. A combined 3,090 court petitions were referred to mediation and from these 2,010 petitions were resolved and removed from court dockets. That’s 1,371 referrals and 879 mediations.

Co-Parenting Classes held in our Warrenton office helped 48 separating parents learn to work together to meet their children’s needs.

SERVING YOUTH & FAMILIES

With our school and youth work, we are building a more sustainable future through young people.

Restorative Justice (RJ) received 65 referrals from Fauquier and Prince William court systems. Our Victim Impact Program (VIP) classes in Prince William were attended by 35 juveniles who learned the ripple effect their wrongdoing had on many people. Ten youth met directly with their victims and community representatives through RJ conferencing in Fauquier and Prince William. PDRC trainers provided Restorative Practices online training to Manassas City Public Schools as well as a private school in Pennsylvania. We continued our participation in the Fauquier County Public Schools Mental Health Coalition. In the Spring we trained restorative justice volunteers for the Orange County Office on Youth.
FOSTERING UNITY EXPANDING OUR REACH

We worked with the First Baptist Church of Warrenton and the Warrenton Police Department, distributing school supplies to students in need.

Our Community Justice & Peacebuilding (CJP) partnered with Leadership Fauquier and initiated Peacebuilding Conversations among Democrats and Republicans through a study based on the book *Love Your Enemies*. In the Fall of 2021, CJP facilitated a dialogue between members of Black Lives Matter and All Lives Matter to better understand one another.

See It In A Different Light is a partnership with the Warrenton Police Department (WPD) where residents and officers engage in role reversal role plays to better understand each other.

In the summer, WPD Chief Michael Kochis, Pastor Vincent Holland and PDRC Executive Director Lawrie Parker participated in a national police/community mediation panel presented by the National Association of Community Mediation.

Our Vision: We desire to promote the peaceful and just resolution of conflicts and restoration of relationships to strengthen everyone in our community.